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LEON BOTSTEIN conductor

with brief remarks by **Bradley Strauchen-Scherer** Associate Curator,
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CONCERT TIMELINE

2 hours

Discussion & Excerpts	Intermission	Emperor Concerto	Q&A
	20 min	39 min	



Ludwig Van Beethoven

Born c. 12/16/1770 in Bonn, Germany **Died** 3/26/1827 at age 56 in Vienna

Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor

Allegro (fast) 21 min
Adagio un poco moto
(slow with a little motion) 8 min
Rondo: Allegro ma non troppo
(fast, but not too fast) 10 min

SHAI WOSNER piano

Written 1809, at age 38
Premiered 11/28/1811 in Leipzig;
Gewandhaus Orchestra;
Johann Pilipp Christian Schulz conductor;
Friedrich Schneider piano

The Artists

LEON BOTSTEIN conductor



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Leon Botstein brings a renowned career as both a conductor and educator to his role as music director of The Orchestra Now. He has been music director of the American Symphony Orchestra since 1992, artistic codirector of Bard SummerScape and the Bard Music Festival since their creation, and president of Bard College since 1975. He was the music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra from 2003-11, and is now conductor laureate. In 2018 he assumed artistic directorship of the Grafenegg Academy in Austria. Mr. Botstein is also a frequent guest conductor with orchestras around the globe, has made numerous recordings, and is a prolific author and music historian. He is the editor of the prestigious The Musical Quarterly, and has received many honors for his contributions to music.

More info online at leonbotstein.com.

SHAI WOSNER piano



Appearances: Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 14, Hamburg Symphony and on tour with East Coast Chamber Orchestra (ECCO), Memphis, Philadelphia, New York; world premiere of Christopher Cerrone's new piano concerto Dissolving Margins, cocommissioned by the 92nd Street Yand the Albany and Phoenix Symphonies, on tour with ECCO; Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3, Phoenix Symphony; Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21, Sarasota Orchestra; Szymanowski's Symphony No. 4, Hamburg Symphony; recital series "Schubert: The Great Sonatas," 92nd Street Yin NYC, The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., Duke University in Durham, NC, Konzerthaus Berlin; solo concerts featuring piano sonatas by Beethoven, Schubert, Scarlatti, and Rzewski; Mahler's Piano Quartet, Schumann's Piano Quartet, and Brahms' String Sextet No. 1 with members of the New York Philharmonic, 92nd Street Y; Brahms' Piano Quintet and solo repertoire, Dover Quartet at Washington Irving High School; all-Beethoven program with members of the San Diego Symphony; Schubert piano trios with violinist Carmit Zori and cellist Hillel Zori, Israel; U.K. tour with the International Musicians Seminar Prussia Cove; duo-piano concerts comprising works by Brahms, Schubert, and David Lang with longtime collaborator Orion Weiss, Cleveland, Los Alamos, Duke University; commissioned Michael Hersch's concerto Along the Ravines, Seattle Symphony and Deutsche Radio Philharmonie; conducted Mozart concertos from the keyboard with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra; "The Schubert Effect" recital series with the Parker Quartet; with the major orchestras of Atlanta, Baltimore, Berkeley, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Ottawa, San Francisco, and Toronto, among others; abroad with the Aurora Orchestra, Barcelona Symphony, Bournemouth Symphony, Frankfurt Radio Symphony,

Gothenburg Symphony, LSO St. Luke's, Nieuw Sinfonietta Amsterdam, Orchestre National de Belgique, Staatskapelle Berlin, and the Vienna Philharmonic, among others; with the Orpheus, St. Paul, and Los Angeles Chamber Orchestras; with conductors Daniel Barenboim, Jiří Bělohlávek, James Conlon, Alan Gilbert, Gunther Herbig, James Judd, Zubin Mehta, Peter Oundjian, Donald Runnicles, Leonard Slatkin, Jeffrev Tate, and Yan Pascal Tortelier; as a chamber musician with artists including Martha Argerich, Martin Fröst, Lynn Harrell, Dietrich Henschel, Ralph Kirshbaum, Jennifer Koh, Cho-Liang Lin, Christian Tetzlaff, and Pinchas Zukerman

Festivals: Bowdoin International Music Festival, Chautaugua Music Festival, Bravo! Vail festival, Grand Teton Music Festival, Mainly Mozart Festival in San Diego, Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center, Ravinia Festival, West-Eastern Divan Workshop, Chamber Music Northwest in Portland, Jerusalem Chamber Music Festival, Oregon Bach Festival, Piano Aux Jacobins festival in France, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

Broadcasts: four-program series of solo and chamber performances with the International Musicians Seminar Prussia Cove for BBC Radio 3: BBC Philharmonic from Manchester's Bridgewater Hall; conducted Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra from the keyboard for American Public Radio

Recordings: Schubert Piano Sonatas on Onyx Classics; Impromptu, improvisationally inspired works by Beethoven, Schubert, Gershwin, and Ives, 2017; concertos and capriccios by Haydn and Ligeti with the Danish National Symphony conducted by Nicholas Collon; all-Schubert solo album; solo works by Brahms and Schoenberg; works by Schubert paired with new works by Missy Mazzoli; Beethoven's complete sonatas and variations for cello and piano with Ralph Kirshbaum; works by Bartók, Janáček, and Kurtág with duo partner of many years, violinist Jennifer Koh, Cedille Records

Awards: Lincoln Center's Martin E. Segal Award, Avery Fisher Career Grant, Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award, BBC New Generation Artist

Education: studied piano with Opher Brayer and Emanuel Krasovsky; studied composition, theory, and improvisation with André Hajdu; studied at The Juilliard School with Fmanuel Ax

More info at shaiwosner.com.

THE ORCHESTRA NOW



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The Orchestra Now (TŌN) is a group of vibrant young musicians from across the globe who are making orchestral music relevant to 21st-century audiences by sharing their unique personal insights in a welcoming environment. Hand-picked from the world's leading conservatories—including the Yale School of Music, Shanghai Conservatory of Music, Royal Academy of Music, and the Eastman School of Music—the members of TŌN are enlightening curious minds by giving on-stage introductions and demonstrations, writing concert notes from the musicians' perspective, and having one-on-one discussions with patrons during intermissions.

Conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein, whom *The New York Times* said "draws rich, expressive playing from the orchestra," founded TŌN in 2015 as a graduate program at Bard College, where he is also president. TŌN offers both a three-year master's degree in Curatorial, Critical, and Performance Studies and a two-year advanced certificate in Orchestra Studies The orchestra's home base is the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center at Bard, where it performs multiple concerts each season and takes part in the annual Bard Music Festival. It also performs regularly at the finest venues in New York, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and others across NYC and beyond. *HuffPost*, who has called TŌN's performances "dramatic and intense," praises these concerts as "an opportunity to see talented musicians early in their careers."

The orchestra has performed with many distinguished guest conductors and soloists, including Leonard Slatkin, Neeme Järvi, Gil Shaham, Fabio Luisi, Vadim Repin, Hans Graf, Peter Serkin, Gerard Schwarz, Tan Dun, and JoAnn Falletta. Recordings featuring The Orchestra Now include two albums of piano concertos with Piers Lane on Hyperion Records, and a Sorel Classics concert recording of pianist Anna Shelest performing works by Anton Rubinstein with TŌN and conductor Neeme Järvi. Buried Alive with baritone Michael Nagy, released on Bridge Records in August 2020, includes the first recording in almost 60 years—and only the second recording ever—of Othmar Schoeck's song-cycle Lebendig begraben. Recent releases include an album of piano concertos with Orion Weiss on Bridge Records, and the soundtrack to the motion picture Forte. Recordings of TŌN's live concerts from the Fisher Center can be heard on Classical WMHT-FM and WWFM The Classical Network, and are featured regularly on Performance Today, broadcast nationwide.

Explore upcoming concerts, see what our musicians have to say, and find more information on the academic program at **ton.bard.edu**.



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Members of TŌN can be identified by their distinctive blue attire.

ZHEN LIU violin



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Hometown: Chifeng, Inner Mongolia, China

Alma maters: Bard College Conservatory of Music, B.M. & B.A. in Asian Studies, 2014–19; The Music School Attached to The Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing, China, 2009–14

Awards/Competitions: 2nd prize, 2011 Hong Kong International Violin Competition; 3rd prize, 2014 Canada Calgary Morningside Music Bridge Chamber Competition; Winner, 2017 Bard College Conservatory Concerto Competition; Participant, 2012 Menuhin International Violin Competition, Beijing, China; Participant, 2018 Menuhin International Violin Competition, Geneva, Switzerland; Participant, 2018 Stern International Violin Competition, Shanghai, China

Appearances: Suzhou Symphony Orchestra, substitute, 2019; Heifetz International Music Institute Festival, 2018; Keshet Eilon Master-course Music Festival, 2017; The First Lian Du International Music Festival, 2016; Canada Calgary Morningside Music Bridge, 2012–14; The First Beijing International Music Festival, 2009

Who is your biggest inspiration? Violinists Hilary Hahn and Shmuel Ashkenasi

What is your favorite piece of music, and why do you love it? Beethoven's music—all of the accidents from his music are surprising to me; I enjoyed them a lot. Those kinds of dynamics show the character of Beethoven.

What has been your favorite experience as a musician? The failed experiences, like failed competitions or juries.

If you could play another instrument, what would it be? Flute

If you weren't a musician, what would you be doing? Cooking, being a professional chef

Piece of advice for a young classical musician: Nevergive up.

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